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Some cases near closing point in process Elba City Council hears update on flood buyout

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, April 27, via teleconference, code enforcement officer Bryson Dear updated the council on the FEMA flood buyout project underway. This concerns the December 2015 Christmas flood in Elba.

Dear said the buyout phase was still focused on the first batch of homes, which began with 15. He said that nine of the 15 were active cases at that time.

For those nine, Dear said the title searches had been completed, and appraisals would hopefully be done by the end of last week.

As for the other six cases in that first batch, Dear said two had officially withdrawn from the buyout, and four others were still questionable as to whether the homeowners would participate or not. He said he tries to give those he is in contact

with some leeway on their decision-making because he realizes this is a difficult decision for the homeowners.

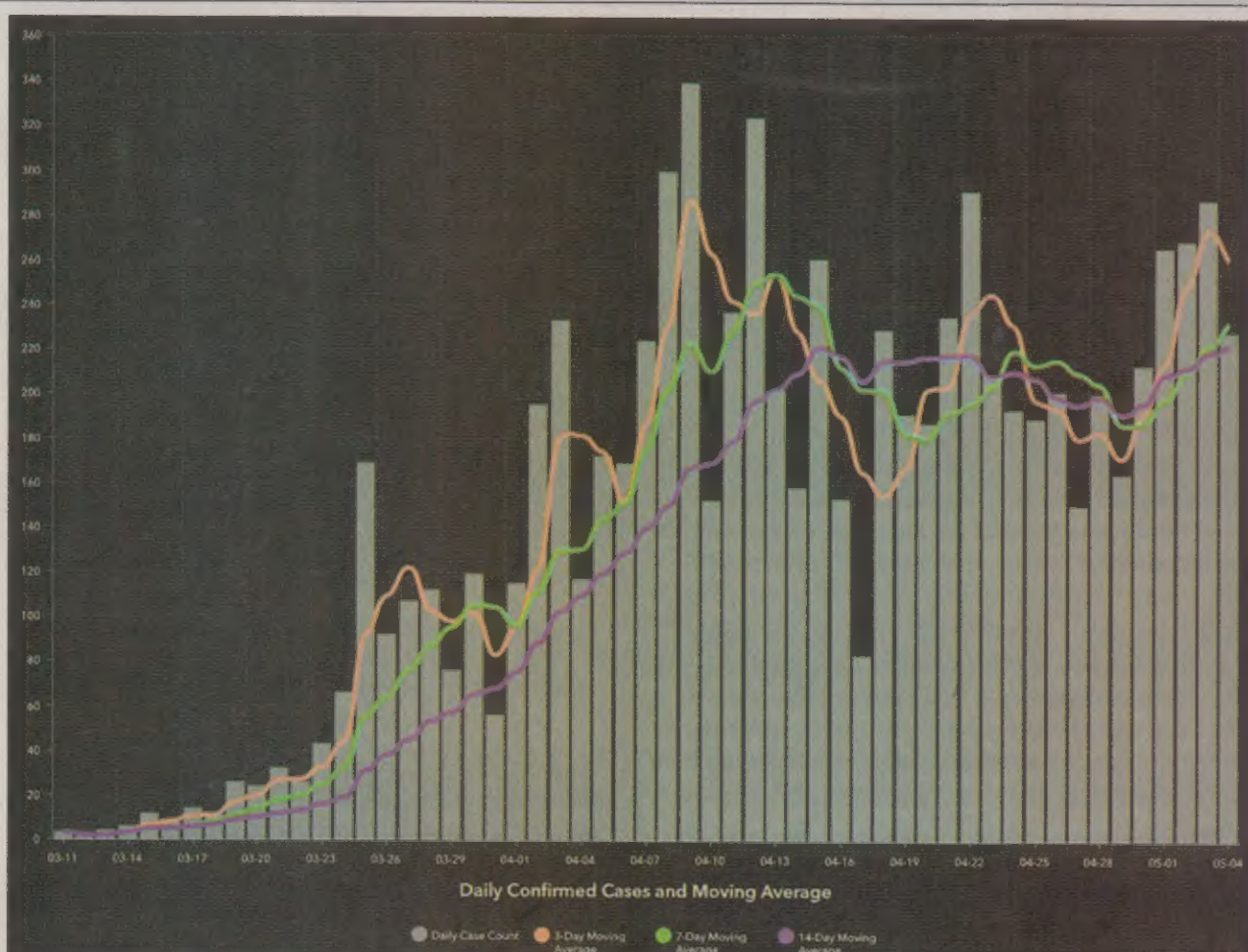
"Once we close on these [homes being purchased through the buyout], we can look at the interior of the homes," Dear said. "The city's street department is going to help with the demolitions as much as possible."

He said once a buyout goes through the closing process, the city has a 90-day period for demolition, according to FEMA guidelines.

He said after all this moves forward with the first buyouts, it would allow him to have a better idea of when to start on the next batch of homes in the buyout program.

"If we can get our offers out there [to the home-

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The new chart found on the ADPH website [under the Coronavirus 19 link] shows the daily confirmed cases and moving average for COVID-19 in the state. As it indicates, last weekend showed a significant upward tick for the daily count, and 3-day moving average, while the 7-day moving and 14-day moving averages also increased slightly during that time. The chart shows there had been downward motion on the averages the week prior to last weekend's increase.

Daily confirmed COVID-19 cases in Alabama saw uptick to open May

Citizens reminded to follow Safer-at-Home health order guidelines effective until 5 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2020

Last week, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) announced a new statewide coronavirus emergency health order.

The Safer-at-Home order went into effect April 30 at 5 p.m. and continues until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 15th.

The current order relaxed a previous health order regarding individuals, employers, retailers, beaches and medical procedures.

"This gradual reopening helps keep family members safe," state health officer Dr. Scott Harris said. "Most importantly, we need to protect the most vulnerable people in our society."

Under the Safer-at-Home health order, individuals are encouraged to exercise personal responsibility but are not ordered to stay home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Public places

Coffee County showed a total of 139 COVID-19 cases had been confirmed as of Tuesday morning, May 5th

As of Tuesday, May 5, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reported there had been over 8,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among residents in the state since the numbers first began being reported in March.

The total number of confirmed cases as of 2 p.m. Tuesday afternoon was 8,206. Information from the ADPH further noted that 106,003 total tests had been reported to the department as of Tuesday afternoon.

Alabama numbers also showed 310 deaths related to the coronavirus, and 1,096

hospitalizations since March 13, 2020.

Locally in Coffee County, the ADPH had reported 134 total cases, according to Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey. He said 66 of those were active cases as of Tuesday afternoon.

Chief Hussey said as best could be determined from information reported to his office that as of Tuesday afternoon only two of the active 66 cases in Coffee County involved City of Elba residents.

As of Tuesday's report, no deaths had been reported in the county from the virus.

are to take reasonable steps to avoid gatherings of 10 persons or more, maintain six feet of separation between persons, and disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.

All non-work related gatherings of 10 persons or more, or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent

six-foot distance between persons from different households are prohibited. But "drive-in" gatherings of any size are permitted if the participants adhere to rules that include participants remaining in their vehicles for the entire event, all vehicle occupants must be from the same household, and people are not to come within six feet of participants in other vehicles.

Non-work related gatherings include church services, weddings, funeral services, social gatherings,

concerts, festivals, sporting and similar events.

Employers are also to maintain six feet of separation between persons as work duties permit, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Employers are to facilitate remote working arrangements where practicable, minimize employee travel, and otherwise follow guidance from the CDC concerning

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Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department assisted the Opp Fire Department with this structure fire Wednesday afternoon, April 22nd. (photo by Drew Mack)

Elba FD call volume more than doubles the norm during April

The Elba Fire Department, a 100 percent volunteer department, answered 39 calls for help during the month of April.

According to information released by the department, it regularly maintains a roster of 16-20 members. The 39 calls answered in April is more than double the norm for the department.

"Even during adverse weather, the ongoing health pandemic, and the Easter holiday, your firefighters were out day and night serving the citizens of our community and our neighbors," said Elba Fire Lt. Jonathon Farmer. "During our two separate severe weather

events I personally witnessed crews out for more than seven hours straight each time answering calls for service such as trees on houses, trees across the road, trees on power lines, fire alarms, and motor vehicle accidents. During those times most of our crews reached the point they had been up for more than 24 hours without sleep, had damage or a mess to clean up at home, and several had to work the next morning."

However, he said no call went unanswered.

Farmer added that the department also provided aid to neighboring departments on several occasions.

New Brockton Town Council approves ordinance dealing with senior center

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, May 4, for the regular monthly meeting with limited attendance due to the social distancing requirements associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the meeting, the council approved minutes from the April council meeting, and received a financial report from city clerk Debbie Andrews.

Also, council members entertained the second read

of a town ordinance that would allow for the new senior center director to be added to the signature card at the bank for the senior center account. The ordinance was first read during the April council meeting.

This motion passed to approve the ordinance.

The New Brockton Town Council will be again Monday evening, June 1, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall offices.

Coffee County Commission reopens county buildings with restricted access

On Monday, May 4, the Coffee County Commission began allowing again limited public access to county buildings.

Capacity varies by office as necessary to observe social distancing protocols set in place by COVID-19 public health orders. Some offices, such as absentee ballots, the board of registrars, and environmental services, will only be able to accommodate one person at a time. All persons waiting to enter an office will be required to wait outside of the building and remain six feet apart.

Anyone entering a county building may be subject to a temperature check.

All county senior centers will continue to provide meals for pickup at the center and will continue home delivery of meals. There still is no public access into senior center buildings due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

All citizens are encouraged to continue to conduct transactions by mail, online or over the phone. If it is necessary to come to a county office, limit any visits only to those persons essential to conduct a transaction and respect social distancing guidelines by standing at least six feet apart.

The County Commission encourages everyone to continue to follow guidance from health officials to protect themselves and to help minimize the impact of the virus.

Anyone who develops a fever and symptoms such as a cough or difficulty breathing should call their health-care provider before seeking medical treatment. If one suspects he/she has COVID-19, call the Alabama COVID-19 24/7 hotline at 1-888-264-2256 for testing sites and hours of operation.



Elba resident Nell Gilmer is shown using her Home Economics degree from Texas A&M at Commerce to make cloth face masks. Gilmer said she found patterns on YouTube and went to work making the protective masks for use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." — Bob Hope

Lawyers were already gearing up to sue owners of the meat packing plants that were experiencing hundreds of the coronavirus cases. Now with the President signing an official order for the plants to stay open that opens up the deep-pockets of the federal government as an additional defendant in the already-ripe lawsuit territory for those who suffer from the virus and particularly for the families of those who don't survive the illness.

If the 'sue somebody' deal catches on and becomes the norm, America is in for a long, long recovery path — one that us of this older generation may never see the end of in our lifetime.

My recent comments about the regular deliveries of food by daughter Michele and husband Tom prompted some questions about the quality of the food and even one of "how do you enjoy eating their leftovers?" First, they are not the leftovers, but specially prepared for the 'old folks'. Then the quality is top notch! Tom is a French cooking school graduate and Michele — not to be out done — learned the methods of her mother, grandmother and also grabbed some special recipes of Tom's long deceased mother. She practiced all until she got the nod of approval from each of us, including Tom, that she had mastered the techniques of each of those three masters. Now you know all that but please wait a day or so before casually dropping in for lunch. We are already challenged to the max just getting it on the table for the two of us in some sort of timely manner!

The Committee to Draft Michelle Obama (as the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate) is an actual organization and is recruiting signatures on petitions to present to the Party big wigs that will make that become a reality. Since the expected nominee has already committed to a female running mate, this one is proven. She isn't perfect, nor would any other human be without flaws, but there is a quote that was once popular, "We know he (she) is a _____, but he (she) is our _____." It was in reference to keeping the office holder they had over one that was unknown. Obama got her share of political flak as First Lady, but she handled it with poise, deserving to the title "Lady" and American citizens can stand a whole bunch of political poise now and in the foreseeable future.

Don't rush this popular idea of returning to normal! Yes, it would help our feelings and probably improve the economy if everyone was working, playing, etc., as normal but . . . IF IT BACKFIRED there would be no 'oops erase that', but more sick folks and probably many more deaths. So, we ask our readers, "How many lives are you willing to sacrifice to again obtain that sense of normal. And we also ask of the politicians, "How many lives are you willing to sacrifice in a possible losing effort to bolster your popularity on election day?" Sobering thoughts ain't it.



Grace Cline received a unique birthday present recently, and the lettering on the t-shirt tells the whole story for this Elba High School senior.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 28, and Monday, May 4, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 — Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint at 328 Brunson Circle (1:19 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at 506 Putnam St (1:35 a.m.); Officers responded to a disturbance complaint at 1272 Ann St (6:46 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 100 Beaver Dam St (9:25 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Hwy 84 W (10:34 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at 2221 Davis St E (11:57 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 348 Tucker Ave (6:28 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at Hwy 84 and County Rd 501 (6:36 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 737 Williams Ave S — an arrest was made (8:44 p.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 14268 Hwy 87 (11:03 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 — Officers responded to a traffic accident on Claxton Ave N (12:15 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 381 Tiger Dr (11:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 — Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 990 Hwy 203 (1:03 a.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Cedar Lane Dr (1:34 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a stabbing/cutting at the Riviera Motel on Yelverton Ave — a subject was transported to the hospital (7:34 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at the Riviera Motel on Yelverton Ave (11:48 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 435 Newton St (6:26 p.m.); Officers assisted another agency on Hwy 84 with a call involving a man with a gun (9:37 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 1 — Officers responded to a traffic accident at 126 Adkinson Ave (4:55 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Elba Laundromat on Davis St (9:49 a.m.); Officers responded to a complaint of a man with a gun at 401 Adkinson Ave (12:51 p.m.); Officers responded to an ATV complaint on Semi-

nole Circle (4:29 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 529 Claxton Ave (6:17 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at Guyton St and Williams Ave (8:30 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 992 Hwy 203 (8:59 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of drug activity at 401 Adkinson Ave (9:30 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 2 — Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at 132 Plant Ave (7:26 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Davis St E (8:20 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of an active shooter on Reynolds Ave (6:29 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of shots fired at 613 Lee St (6:41 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of shots fired on County Rd 502 (10:41 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 3 — Officers responded to a disturbance complaint at 990 Hwy 203 (1:53 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint on Jones St (10:18 a.m.); Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated person on Simmons St (10:23 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of suspicious circumstances at Hwy 203 and Smith Ave (12:41 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at 1540 Reese Ave (9:34 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at 1103 Caroline St (10:14 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at 1540 Reese Ave (10:14 p.m.); Officers assisted another agency with a matter at 1297 Ann St (10:19 p.m.).

MONDAY, MAY 4 — Officers responded to a report of an assault at 1710 Jones St (3:38 a.m.); Officers responded to the report of a burglary at 431 Court Ave (8:27 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident on Davis St at National Security (11:49 a.m.).

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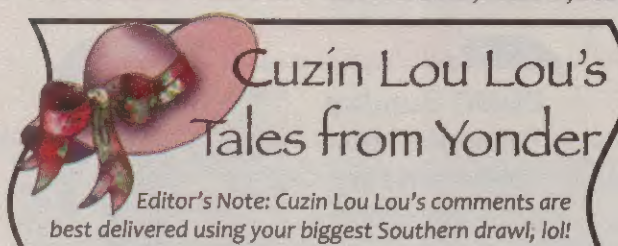
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Cuzin Lou Lou has been moving a bit slower this week thanks to the 'Great Fall of Sunday' that could be heard all over her neighborhood... At least that is what she has told herself since the rather embarrassing moment!

If you will recall, recently Lou Lou was applauding those who had been exercising in the neighborhood. Well, Lou Lou decided it was time to put the bag of Ruffles away and get out there herself last weekend.

She chose to ride bikes! This decision was made under the impression that riding a bike is literally "like riding a bike" meaning once you know how to ride a bike it will always come back to you.

Yeah...while you may never forget 'how' to ride a bike. Riding a bike IS NOT, she repeats, IS NOT like riding the same bike one rode when he/she was a youngster! Not by any shape, form or fashion.

Leading up to this eventful bike ride, Lou Lou thought of all the days from her younger years when she would ride for hours, up this hill, down that hill, and over, around and yonder again. Those were such fun memories.

Fast forward to Sunday afternoon... it's time to get on that bad boy and pedal like time has stood still. [This is where it should be inserted that Lou Lou has not actually ridden her outdoor bike in several years now — she even had to clean the dust off the seat before getting on it].

Heading out, everything seemed lovely. Their was a slight breeze further enhanced by the bike gliding along nicely.

The initial trek was mostly downhill, so after getting several good pedal in Lou Lou was able to coast a while. Then as the ground leveled out, she pedal some more.

Ahhhh... made it to a good turning around point near the end of the road. Let's stop and rest a sec before heading back the other way.

Hold on!

"Is it normal for my heart to be racing that fast and me sucking for wind so rapidly," Lou Lou questions the moment. "What the mess?!?!? I don't ever remember it being like this! I've been riding for less than 10 minutes!"

Everything settles down and Lou Lou decides she is ready to proceed. That was weird though.

Pedal, pedal, pedal.

"Good knight! Have mercy!!!" Lou Lou's brain exclaims. "The muscles in my thighs are screaming at me! I know this has never happened! Am I that bad out of shape?!?!?"

Get it together, Lou Lou tells herself. It's not that bad. You are okay. Now, pedal some more.

Pedal...what in the blazing saddles was I thinking! Pedal...I'm not gonna make! Pedal...Oh my stars! Pedal...I may just lay down right here. Surely someone will come and get me in a bit! Pedal...there's a car coming. I'll stop and rest while they drive by [maybe they'll see the anguish on my face and offer to take me home — nope, they just smiled, waved and drove on by]!

"Come on Lou Lou!" she tells herself. "You are not this out of shape. You can do this! Now pedal that bad boy and get on home. You need a drink of water and everything will be just fine!"

Around the curve...there it is! Home!! Come on, baby! Just a little further, and no one will ever know you struggled this badly on your first ride in years.

Now, just up that little hump on the driveway, and this torture session is over! Up, Up, Nope! We'll just stop here and push the back the rest of the way up the driveway, but wait....

Lou Lou made the poor decision of wearing her new athletic sandals for this bike ride instead of her tennis shoes, and guess what...

Yep! Her sandal got caught in the pedal and now the moment of reckoning is here!

Down goes Lou Lou! Boom!!! The Great Fall of Sunday!!

There is no jumping right back up from that one! The 'ole legs were just too wobbly in the first place. Gonna need some help!

Now, as Lou Lou's life flashed before her... guess who was on the front porch and witnessed the whole thing? That would be dear Sister!

Not one word... she just went inside while Lou Lou was peeling herself off the concrete. By the time, Lou Lou limped over to the rocking chair, sat down and began trying to hydrate while ignoring the enormous pain coming from her elbow and arm, Sister returns with the supplies to clean the wound.

Such a loving Sister too! She pours alcohol straight onto the open wound!!! There was screaming, Lou Lou can't help but admit it!

The good news was that no bones were broken, only a skinned elbow and arm. And, there was a couple days of soreness. But, Sister promises Lou Lou that she will never forget the five seconds of the Great Fall of Sunday! She said it was priceless, and she only wishes she had videoed it.

Oh yeah, the first thing Sister said to Lou Lou as she was pouring alcohol onto the wound...now, you will remember you are not a kid anymore, won't you?!?! Maybe for a minute, lol!!

Moral of the story...exercise is good, but got at it slowly if you have not done it in a while, especially if you are riding a bicycle! It hurts if you fall...take it from Cuzin Lou Lou!

Until next time...Wash Your Hands, Keep Smiling, and God Bless!

COVID

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ways to reduce transmission among employees to maintain healthy business operations, and to maintain a healthy work environment.

All retail stores may open with the following rules:

- Occupancy is limited to no more than 50 percent of normal occupancy as determined by the fire marshal. Staff is to be posted at entrances and exits for enforcement.

- Employees may not knowingly allow customers or patrons to congregate within 6 feet of one another.

- Retailers must comply with sanitation guidelines. Public and privately-owned Gulf of Mexico beaches are open, but gatherings of 10 persons or more or other gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited.

Effective also with the current order, dental, medical or surgical procedures are allowed unless the State Health Officer or his designee determines that performing such procedures would unacceptably reduce access to personal protective equipment or other resources needed to diagnose and treat COVID-19.

Earlier health orders concerning non-work related gatherings and higher risk businesses in Alabama such as entertainment venues, athletic facilities and close-contact service providers remain in effect. Also unchanged are orders regarding senior citizen centers, educational institutions and child day care facilities, hospitals and similar institutions. Orders pertaining to on-premise consumption of food or drink at restaurants, bars and breweries remain in effect.

Under the order, individuals, especially vulnerable persons, continue to be encouraged to exercise personal responsibility in slowing the spread of COVID-19 by staying home and following good sanitation practices. These include:

- Minimizing travel out-

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owners] and close on these in the first batch relatively quickly, I think we can move forward even more quickly on the others after that," Dear said.

He said he was not trying to rush the first batch of buyouts because he wanted to be sure everything was being handled properly and make sure he had a good feel for the process before jumping on the others. However, Dear said he felt like the process would most definitely begin to be much quicker after this first batch because all involved in steps would have a better idea of what to expect as the project moves forward.

Council members thanked Dear for his work on the project, and said they would like to see this move forward as quickly as possible as well because those awaiting the buyouts had been waiting for several years now for the project to get to this point.

Professor points out 13 behaviors to adopt as society battles COVID-19

As society continues its battle against COVID-19, a health researcher at Ball State University recommends behaviors to adopt to avoid illness.

"Our society is more diverse than ever, and we have developed a tolerance for a variety of behaviors due to greater amalgamation of cultures, traditions, etiquettes, and norms," said Jagdish Khubchandani, a health science professor. "In general, we tend to ignore unhealthy and unsanitary behaviors in the guise of other peoples' choice, personality type, family habits, or culture."

He added, "During and after the current pandemic crisis, we need greater awareness, collective action, and common civic behaviors driven by scientific evidence on transmission of emerging infectious disease agents such as coronaviruses. We must also not hesitate from educating or questioning family members, colleagues, and the general public on behaviors that pose danger to self and the society."

Given the current evidence on mechanisms of transmission and action of COVID-19, Khubchandani offers up 13 behaviors and habits to be embraced:

- Take regular showers. While people are sheltering in place, some may neglect daily routines, but showering is a must because COVID-19 can live on surfaces for days.
- Keep your clothes clean. Don't wear the same clothes for many days. Do laundry frequently.
- Stop nail biting, thumb sucking, and rubbing eyes.
- Stop scratching your head, face, or body.
- Wash fruits and vegetables, and avoid eating them immediately in aisles, stores, or car.
- Don't litter the inside and around your house. This could increase risk for household members, while littering around the community can burden the sanitation workers. Recent instances of people throwing used masks and gloves in public places will increase risk for waste management workers and trash pickers.
- Clean your car. Dispose of leftovers and edibles, trash, masks, and gloves.
- Maintain hygiene while growing your hair, beard, or nails or using hair and face accessories.
- Cover your face when you sneeze or cough.
- Wash your hands after using restrooms, coming back from public places, after grocery shopping, pumping gas, using elevators, or using high traffic door knobs or electric switches.
- Clean your desk space, cell phone, and computer devices.
- Don't rely on carryout or delivery as your sole source of food for every meal every day, and be sure to eat enough and consume healthy foods.
- Don't reuse wipes, masks, gloves, and personal care devices without cleaning them.

side the home, especially if sick;

- Wearing face coverings around people from other households when it is necessary to leave the home;
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces;
- Refraining from touching one's face;
- Sneezing or coughing into a tissue, or the inside of one's elbow; and
- Disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

The people most vulnerable to COVID-19 are elderly individuals (persons over 65 in age) or individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.

Any persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 other than the institutionalized are to be quarantined to their residence for 14 days, or other period of time as directed by the state health officer or his designee, after receiving positive test results. Quarantined persons may not leave their residence for any reason other than to seek necessary medical treatment.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at: <www.elba-clipper.com>

JOYCE LOUISE NICHOLSON

Mrs. Joyce Louise Nicholson, age 94, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, May 2, 2020, at her home in Elba.



Graveside services were held May 5, 2020 from Pleasant Ridge Cemetery with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba was in charge of funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Fund, 4408 County Road 223, Elba, AL 36323.

Survivors include her sons: Ronny (Jane) Nicholson, and Rick (Debra) Nicholson, all of Elba; grandson: Kimbo Nicholson, Elba; granddaughter: Renea (Jon) Horton, Newnan, Ga.; great-granddaughter: Kali Nicholson, and great-grandson: Carter Nicholson, both of Elba.

ALICE COLEMAN

Ms. Alice Coleman, age 55, of Opp, Ala., died April 19, 2020.

Private services were held Saturday April 25, 2020, at Hardin Street Cemetery in Opp with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory of Elba directing.



Alice was born December 22, 1964 to Alice Lee and the late Charles McIntosh Sr.

Survivors include the love of her life: Calvin Henderson Sr; children: Kelvis (LaTasha), Alisha (George), Frank Lacey III (Taneshia); two step children: Calvin Jr. and Allison; grandchildren: Ariyana, Aniya, Makayla, Frank IV, Zykvelvis, and Kaiden; siblings: Virginia, Valeria (Odin), Leroy (Cornelia), Delphine, Rob, LaDeatra, Denise, Altheria, Yvette, Charlene, Charles Jr., Diatrice, Cory, Cedrick; and a host of nieces, nephews, along with great and great-greats.

AZOTUS LANE

Mr. Azotus Lane, age 90, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., died April 21, 2020.

A private service was held Sunday, April 26, 2020, at the Lane Family Cemetery, Kinross, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home & Crematory of Elba directing.

Azotus was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth; mother, Nonie

Peaden; father, Oscar Lane Sr.; two sons, Jerome Townsend and Hurlbert Lane; and 11 siblings.

Survivors include three daughters: Annise Stanford, Edith Lane, and Marcia Lane; three sons: Bronco Lane, Garcia Lane, and Vernon Lane; one sibling: Selma; two D.G.C.: Ma Elizabeth Bristow and Akiva Ford; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

TERENCE ALAN ALLIGOOD

Mr. Terence Alan Alligood, age 59, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at Medical Center Enterprise.

No local service will be held. A celebration of life service will be held in Jacksonville, Florida at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Alligood family.

Survivors include his father: Lenwood D. Alligood, Jacksonville; mother: Patricia Vining Alligood; brothers: Charles Edward Alligood, James Carl Alligood, Michael Lee Alligood; sisters: Patricia Lynn Alligood, Debra Lee Schaub, and Susan Lee Doucet.

Survivors include his father: Lenwood D. Alligood, Jacksonville; mother: Patricia Vining Alligood; brothers: Charles Edward Alligood, James Carl Alligood, Michael Lee Alligood; sisters: Patricia Lynn Alligood, Debra Lee Schaub, and Susan Lee Doucet.

SHELBY SANDERS

Miss Shelby Sanders, age 24, died Monday, May 4, 2020, at Medical Center Enterprise. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home.

JANE CASH

Mrs. Jane Cash, age 88, died Monday, May 4, 2020, at Troy Health & Rehabilitation Center in Troy, Ala. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home.

Elba High School Graduation

Elba High School announced this week that graduation exercises for the Class of 2020 would be held Tuesday, May 19. Officials said additional details would be announced later; but, said to go ahead and 'save the date' as the school will recognize its seniors on May 19th!

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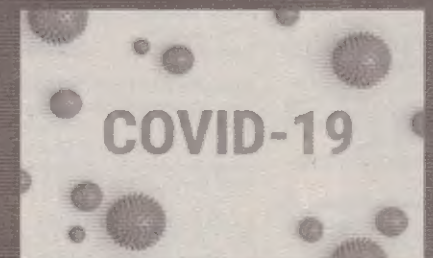
1. Limit the number of family members participating in arrangement conferences. Teleconferencing options will be strongly encouraged and arranged by the funeral home, if possible. All in-person arrangement conferences will implement the social distancing requirements of 6 feet.
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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Ken Wilson, Pastor of WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Timber!

My dad always loved his yard. He took great pride in having what he considered to be one of the best looking yards in the neighborhood. Actually, he came by it honestly; my grandfather had quite the green thumb and enjoyed yard work greatly. My grandfather used words like "mulch" and "aerate" when he talked about his yard and his eyes would light up. My dad had been groomed to be an expert in the area of lawn maintenance and he definitely had not been a disappointment.

Dad spent many hours in the yard on Saturdays and on days off. There was grass to be cut, raked, fertilized, and/or watered. Shrubs had to be trimmed and azaleas had to be trenched around. Then there were things like herbicide and insecticide, which did God only knows what to weeds and bugs, that had to be spread or sprayed on plants and bushes. There was always something that could be done in the yard if there was time to spare.

Yard work was my father's way of unwinding from the stresses of practicing medicine. It was a chance to be by himself for a while, and he enjoyed the release. Being in the ministry and the father of four, I now understand full well what an escape yard work can be. When I was young, however, I tried to be scarce when Dad was working in the yard. Of course, that was just the way he wanted it, until I was old enough to push a lawnmower.

We had a pretty large corner lot in a wooded neighborhood so we had lots of grass and lots of trees. For a while my dad had a pretty good system going. My brother and I would weed-eat and cut the grass while my dad would supervise. For one person it was an all day project, but with two it could be done on a Saturday morning leaving the afternoon free.

After my brother went to college my dad changed his strategy. We got two lawnmowers and he and I could cut at the same time, thus reducing the time. This worked well for a few years, but, as I got older and involved in more activities, Dad ended up doing more and more of the work himself. Once again, a strategy change was necessary. After much deliberation my father made a monumental decision. The time had come to buy a riding lawnmower.

My dad's buying a riding lawnmower was like the Beatles making a disco album. I never thought he would bring himself to break down and get one. I think he thought it was lazy to ride while you cut grass. Whatever the case, Dad had made his mind up and there was no stopping him. It was time!

I went with him to Sears to pick out his new mower. I figured I might be using it some and I wanted to see what we were getting. He looked rather unimpressed with some of the larger tractor style mowers that I liked. I wanted "power," not maneuverability. Dad, however, wanted something that would be easier to handle around all our trees, so he picked a smaller, less tractor-looking mower. It was more like a seat on top of a motor with a steering wheel and blade underneath.

I was a little afraid of what the neighbors might say about our strange looking riding lawnmower as they cut their yards atop their lawn tractors. Frankly, ours looked a little sissy. Dad liked it though, and that was what was important. He would be the one they saw on it most of the time anyway. Maybe I could use it at night.

My next-door neighbor John Pegues (his dad had a lawn tractor) and I were playing in the yard a few days later when the Sears truck pulled into the driveway. We watched as they unloaded the strange looking little red machine. I heard the sarcasm in John's voice as he said, "That thing sure looks different than my dad's." "Yea, well, we got more trees than y'all do," I said in a desperate attempt to save face, but I knew he was right.

My dad excitedly filled it up with gas and cranked it up. It was loud, which made me feel a little better. I don't know what might have been said if it had been quiet on top of odd looking. Dad hopped on and began to ride around the yard. It did maneuver well, no question about it. He dropped the blade and began to cut a little to see how it looked. He was pleased with the beautiful strip of cut grass that stretched out behind him. In fact, he was so pleased with what was behind him he forgot to look ahead of him. He ran right into one of our lolly pine trees. Quickly jarred back into reality, he tried to remember how to stop this machine he was riding. As Dad frantically tried to get the mower out of gear, the front end began to inch up the trunk of the tree. John stared wide eyed as my dad's riding lawnmower came close to vertical while hearing my dad curse loudly as he tried to stop the runaway machine.

When Dad finally stopped the mower and got it out of the tree, I puffed my chest up proudly and said to John, "I bet your dad's lawnmower won't do that!" John never made fun of my dad's mower again. Dad used that mower for several years after that, but he never spent much time looking behind him; he kept his eyes on where he was headed.

Jesus had a little to say about looking where we have been. "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62) In other words, our purpose as Christians should be in front of us. We can't do anything about what is behind, us whether it is good or bad. However, we have the power through Him to do something with the future.

Westside Baptist Church invites all to Sunday morning "Drive Up Church"

Westside Baptist Church, located at 1026 Caroline St., Elba, Ala., currently is holding a Drive-Up Worship Service each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

The service is held on the lawn behind the church - the area is roped off to show everyone in attendance where to park. Upon driving up, tune the car radio to 88.1 FM to hear the service.

There will be no restrooms available. Also, everyone is asked to remain in vehicles the entire time. All welcome to attend!

Parking Lot Revival set for May 19-21 at Harris Temple COGIC

A.C.T.S. Ministries Church of God in Christ, along with Pastor, Supt. William K. Ellison, invite anyone to be a part of a Parking Lot Revival set for May 19-21, 2020 at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ in Elba.

The special guest speaker will be Dr. Bobby Sledge from Huntsville, Ala. This service will be held outside in the church parking lot, so come claim a spot on the lot. Services will begin at 6 p.m. nightly.

Basin Baptist Church reminds all to tune in Sunday mornings on Facebook for church

During this unprecedented time of social distancing due to the Coronavirus pandemic across the state and nation, Basin Baptist Church has altered its presentation of Sunday Morning Worship to be able to still bring the Word of God to its people.

Until the church is able to safely reopen the church building for its regular services, Basin Baptist Church will be offering a Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. on its public Facebook page (look for Basin Baptist Church).

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Scripture: Praise to the Lord for His love and faithfulness. Psalm 92: 1-15

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April Birthdays / Anniversaries

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Dorothy Richardson 4/21
Martha Rowe 4/22 (in memory)
Ruby Stinson 4/22
Ron Hill 4/24
Colin Harrison 4/26
Belinda Ordon 4/27
Gladys Waters Gordon 4/27
Chris Thigpen 4/28
Commissioner Jimmy E. Jones 4/29
J'Rell K. Smedley 4/30
Dwight Belcher 4/30

Evidence

Charlie was a friendly man, but he never went to church. He explained his skepticism to the preacher.

"If God is up there, he said, pointing his bony finger toward the sky, "He's got to let me know. Me personally, understand?"

The preacher pointed to the first verse in the Bible. "God created the heaven and the earth. Doesn't that prove He is up there?"

"Maybe," Charlie replied. "But how do I know He did it?"

Charlie had time on his hands, and he really did think about God. He was lost in thought as he drove one day - so lost in thought that he didn't hear the train whistle. His car roled onto the track just in time to be hit broadside by the powerful locomotive. The car's passenger side was mangled, and the car was crushed to half its width. In that condition it rod the cowcatcher for a few seconds. As the train slowed,

the car finally broke free and rolled over and over, battering the left side. Finally it came to rest on its roof. Leaning against a pole, with Charlie dangling upside down in his seatbelt. In time, help arrived. When someone pried open a mangled door, Charlie stepped out jauntily, apparently unhurt. Declining to be taken to the doctor, he was taken home instead.

The next day was Sunday. When Charlie stepped through the church door, the preacher was speechless, but Charlie was not.

"He let me know," said Charlie, pointing a finger skyward. "He's up there alright."

It took a remarkable escape from death to convince old Charlie. What makes you sure God really is "up there"?

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 4/30/20 - complete this statement of Jesus

Q: Jesus said: "Follow me and..."

A: I will make you fishers of men." [read Matthew 4: 19]

Q: Jesus said: "O woman great is your faith..."

A: let it be to you as you desire." [read Matthew 15: 28]

Q: Jesus said: "As the Father loved me..."

A: I also have loved you: Abide in My love." [read John 15: 9]

Thought to Remember

God honors the faithful Always has, Always will.

Questions for the Week of 5/7/20 - Fill in the Blanks [Use your concordance]

Q: God promised to give the people a new _____ and a new _____.

Q: Jerusalem's judges are criticized for being _____.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory

<p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AME CHURCH Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m. Even. 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A non-mandatory Pre-bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on the 21st day of May 2020. Pre-bid Meeting will be held at Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama.

Work on the project consists of, in general, the rehabilitation of approximately 22,000 linear feet of gravity sewer line and associated manholes, replacement of 24,600 linear feet of gravity sewer line and associated manholes, 70 linear feet of 16" steel casing bored in place, paving overlay and replacement, the abandonment of two (2) existing pump stations and the rehabilitation of four (4) existing pump stations including controls and associated site and electrical improvements. All work shall be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: **CITY OF ELBA, AL** 200 Buford Street Elba, AL 36323 (334) 897-2333**CDG ENGINEERS & ASSOCIATES, INC** 170 East Main Street

Dothan, AL 36301

(334) 677-9431

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing Office, THE OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER / CDG ENGINEERS & ASSOCIATES, INC. located at 170 EAST MAIN STREET, DOTHAN, AL 36301, upon payment of \$75.00 for each set. (PRIOR PAYMENT REQUIRED. SUM WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.) The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all BIDS and to waive any informalities and award in the best interest of the City of Elba.

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Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related

Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The de minimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract.

Mickey Murdock, Mayor
Date 5/1/2020
4/30, 5/7, 14, 21-chg

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ESTATE OF ROGER LEE DUNFORD, DECEASED**PROBATE COURT**
Case No. PC-2018-022Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of February, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee

County, Alabama, by Special Appointment, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Eileen J. Bookhardt, formerly known as Eileen J. Newton, Personal Representative
4/30, 5/7, & 5/14-pd.**IN THE MATTER OF PAMELA MORRIS CRITTENDEN,**
Deceased**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**
CASE NO: PC2020-021

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the JOHNNY WAYNE CRITTENDEN on the 28th day of April, 2020 by the Honorable Judge R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.Witness my hand this the 28th day of April 2020.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
5/7, 14 & 21-pd.

ELBA DIVISION STATE OF ALABAMA LEGAL NOTICE COFFEE COUNTY

REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE

I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, Stephen E. Blair, of said county on April 21, 2020 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on May 26, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. the following described Real Estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2019.
April 23, 30 May 7 - 2020BLACK JASON
06-02-03-0-000-004.004
S/T/R-03/06N/20E COM AT INT OF E R/W OF AL HWY 87 AND N/L OF SEC TH SW LY 65 0' S TO POB TH SE LY 407.47' SW 210' NW 421.25' NE 210.45' TO POB MH, MH S
Tax & Costs 375.76
Printing Fees 68.52
Total 444.28BURCH L M & MAVIS
11-03-08-3-004-010.000
S/T/R-08/05N/20E BEG ON S R/W HWY 84 185' W OF ADKINSON ST W 274.8' SLY ALG C RK 160'(S) SELY 170' (S) ELY 70' (S) N 200.55' TO POB
Tax & Costs 6735.87
Printing Fees 61.92
Total 6797.79FILLINGIM S W C/O JANET B A S S
01-08-27-0-000-008.000
S/T/R-27/07N/22E A LOT IN SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 BEING ALL LAND LYING N R/W OF PEA RIVER CONT 1.5 AC
Tax & Costs 50.96
Printing Fees 52.68
Total 103.64FORD VIRGIL CORNELIUS
11-03-07-1-003-002.000
S/T/R-07/05N/20E MULBERRY HEIGHT S/D LOT 1-7 IN ELBA FROM
Tax & Costs 563.84
Printing Fees 28.92
Total 592.76HYSMITH LAURA L C/O D & C INVESTMENTS LLC
11-03-08-2-001-009.000
S/T/R-08/05N/20E A LOT IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 & NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 DESC AS BEG AT A PT 865' S & 80' W OF NW COR OF NW 1/4 TH E 160' TH SWLY 125' TH WLY 160' TH NLY 125' TO POB RES
Tax & Costs 182.39
Printing Fees 83.04
Total 265.43MOORMAN BARBARA ANNETTE; WEAVER JESSIE C/O JESSIE WEAVER
06-08-28-0-000-001.002
S/T/R-28/06N/20E COM AT INT OF E/L OF SEC & E R/W OF AL HWY 125, TH SWLY 719.5' TO P.O.B. TH SELY 200'; SWLY 150'; NWLY 200'; NELY 150' TO P.O.B.
Tax & Costs 74.37
Printing Fees 69.84
Total 144.21MOORMAN BARBARA ANNETTE; WEAVER JESSIE C/O JESSIE WEAVER
06-08-28-0-000-001.004
S/T/R-28/06N/20E COM AT INT OF E/L OF SEC & E R/W OF AL HWY 125, TH SWLY 719.5' TO P.O.B. TH SELY 200'; SWLY 150'; NWLY 200'; NELY 150' TO P.O.B.
Tax & Costs 182.39
Printing Fees 83.04
Total 265.43DOZIER CLARA C/O BRYANT HENDERSON
11-03-07-4-001-007.000
S/T/R-07/05N/20E A LOT IN NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 DESC AS BEG AT 100' SELY FROM NE INT ER OF LEE ST & TAYLOR MILL RD TH NE 175'S/T/R-28/06N/20E HWY 125 COM AT INT S/L NE 1/4 OF S E 1/4 & E/L HWY 125 NLY 28 0' (S) TO POB SE 200' NE 300' NW 200' TO HWY SWLY ALG HWY 30 0' TO POB
Tax & Costs 101.50
Printing Fees 76.44
Total 177.94PRESCOTT HANSEL
11-04-18-4-001-001.001
S/T/R-18/05N/20E COM AT INT N/L SE 1/4 & W ROW PAYNE ST WLY 200'(S) TO POB S 2 00' W 100' N 200' E 100' TO POB
Tax & Costs 6783.54
Printing Fees 54.00
Total 6837.54PRETTYMAN GREG
11-04-17-2-000-009.000
S/T/R-17/05N/20E COM AT INT OF W R/W OF CORDELIA STREET & N R/W OF N R/W OF PUTNAM ST. TH W 105' TO P.O.B. TH W 120', N 121.21', E 123', S 125' TO P.O.B.
Tax & Costs 5613.42
Printing Fees 67.20
Total 5680.62SANDERS JAMES & LOUISE C/O D & C INVESTMENTS
11-04-17-2-000-031.000
S/T/R-17/05N/20E ELBA IMPROVEMENT CO S/D PT OF BLK 12 DESC AS BEG @ INTER OF N/L & THE W R/W OF HICKMAN AVE TH SELY 165' W 157' NWLY 45' NELY 110' SELY 50' NELY 70' SELY 35' TO POB ELBA
Tax & Costs 6883.02
Printing Fees 83.04
Total 6966.06SIMMONS LILLIE PEARL C/O JAMES SIMMONS
11-03-08-2-001-020.001
S/T/R-08/05N/20E BRUNSON ADD TO CITY OF ELBA BLK 2 W 1/2 OF LOTS 30 31 32 & 33 IN ELBA RES
Tax & Costs 154.46
Printing Fees 56.64
Total 211.10TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC C/O CINDY MENDENHALL
02-03-05-0-000-005.001
S/T/R-05/07N/21E BEG AT SW COR NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 & THE 1370'S, N 600', NWLY 100', SWLY 453.76', NWLY 346.94', NELY 435.72', NWLY 73' S, SWLY 216.09', NW 218.99', NE 243.54', NW

187.83', W 586.28', S 1330'S TO P.O.B. CONT 30 AC 2 MH, BARN, 2 MH S

Tax & Costs 718.08
Printing Fees 89.64
Total 807.72TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC 02-03-05-0-000-005.002
S/T/R-05/07N/21E COM AT INT OF E/L OF NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 & W R/W OF CO RD 201, NW 100' TO POB. SE 453.76'; NE' 346.94'; NE 453.72', SE 487.32' TO POB. CONT. 4.31 ACRES. BARN, UTIL
Tax & Costs 155.76
Printing Fees 68.52
Total 224.28TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC 02-03-05-0-000-005.003
S/T/R-05/07N/21E COM AT NW COR OF THE NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4, TH E 586.28', SE 187.83' TO P.O.B. SE 268.35', SW 216.09', NW 218.99', NE 243.54' TO P.O.B. CONT 1.27 SHOP
Tax & Costs 692.78
Printing Fees 65.88
Total 758.66WATERS DORIS
11-03-07-1-001-063.001
S/T/R-07/05N/20E LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 7 MULBERRY HGTS S/D MB-1 PG 465
Tax & Costs 71.89
Printing Fees 36.84
Total 108.73WILLIAMS R B
11-03-07-2-000-021.000
S/T/R-07/05N/20E BEG @ SE CORNER OF LOT 2 BLK A KENNEDY ESTATES PB-1, PG-80, TH SW 149.5', NW 131', NE 150', SE 131' TO P.O.B. CONT .44 A C(C). RE
Tax & Costs 270.94
Printing Fees 60.60
Total 331.54

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

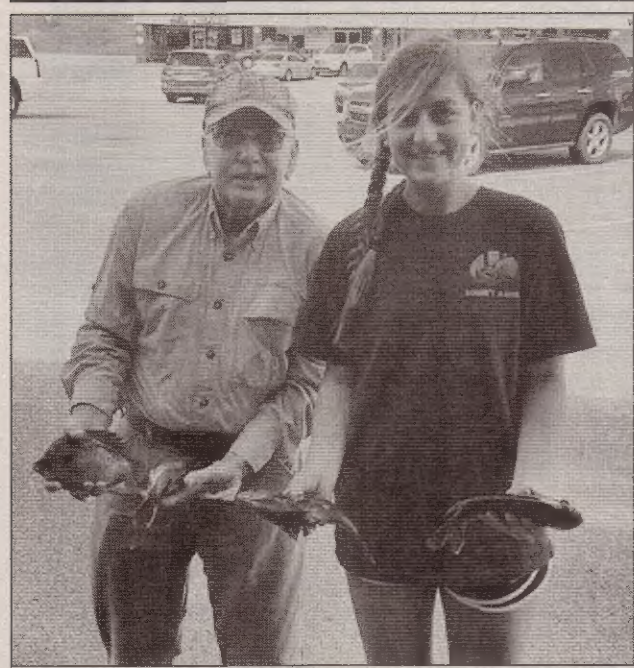
Our grandson Lawson came over the house one afternoon last week for the first time in weeks and it was just like he remembered as his 'ole granddaddy got him all the drinks he wanted out of the frig and he chomped down on some snacks. He got a little bored late in the afternoon and helped his nanny put together a jigsaw puzzle, but admitted he had fun and enjoyed his visit.

For what it is worth....

*** **While Grandma Ivey opened back up** some stores last week, she didn't mention anything about schools, and obviously is going to allow the state superintendent and his staff to combine and make those decisions. While everyone knows the 2019-2020 school year is over, the state officials will have to make a decision that will allow high school sports teams to get back to work in preparation for what we hope is a banner football and volleyball season in the fall. I feel like if the teams get back to work in June and July it should give them more than enough time to be ready to open their seasons in August, and have my fingers crossed that in the weeks to come things will get back to at least near normal.

*** **The folks at NASCAR** have announced it will get back to racing in just a matter of weeks and will open the season with a jam packed two-week schedule at tracks in Charlotte and Darlington. While the races will look familiar, the schedule and race routines will not, with an added effort at keeping the drivers safe. A 400-mile Cup Series set for May 10 at Darlington will be the first of seven events in 11 days involving all three NASCAR national series, with the revised schedule also including a pair of Wednesday races to give the fans a midweek event. No fans will be allowed at the tracks to watch the races, with only 16 total team members allowed at each event, including the driver. All the races will include live pit stops and the racing will be live on TV. It is rumored that the tentative schedule for June and beyond will be made up of primarily races to be held at Southeastern tracks that are within easy driving distance of NASCAR headquarters in Charlotte, which may be good news for Talladega fans.

*** **I know that the safety of residents** all across the nation and the globe should and must be priority number one. However, I hope that the steps taken by the sports profession will be the first step toward a return to normalcy, especially here in the United States. The virus that has changed the world is extremely contagious and dangerous to many of those with pre-existing conditions, but the world can't stop and we can't all just stay at home hoping we won't contract the disease. People have been dying of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and thousands of other diseases since the medical profession began tracking the deaths, yet the world went on and we kept going to work and living our lives with the hope that the medical professionals would find cures, and hopefully a vaccine. Much work has been done to cure many diseases since I was a child and we no longer live in fear of tuberculosis, polio or smallpox. That has to be the same mentality with this new pandemic that has changed the entire world. We can and will continue to pray for everyone in the world and for all the medical professionals that are working on a cure, but at the same time we have to use good judgment on how best to protect ourselves and get back to living the life we know.



JUST LIKE GRANDDAD... Many would say Sam Cooper, a resident of the Basin Community, is an expert fisherman. Well, it seems he is passing that talent on to his oldest granddaughter as well. Last week, Sam and granddaughter Michaela Cooper went fishing and brought back a good mess of fish from their adventure (as shown above). Michaela is a graduating senior for Kinston High School this year, and her family owns an outdoors/clothing store in Elba. Rumor was...they were using bait from the store on this successful fishing trip!

ALDOT SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED PERMIT PROCEDURE REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY SENSORS ON RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The Alabama Department of Transportation is seeking public comments on a proposed permit procedure regarding public safety sensors being located on ALDOT rights-of-way. These sensors would include, but would not be limited to, surveillance cameras, license plate reading devices and gunshot detection arrays. To view the full public notice and proposed rule, go to www.dot.state.al.us under "Doing Business."

The public comment period runs through May 29, 2020. Those who wish to comment may do so by emailing publicsafety@sensors.dot.state.al.us or by standard mail sent to:

Alabama Department of Transportation
ATTN: Maintenance Bureau, Permits and Operations
1409 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36110

Rattler 250 and season opening races moved to Memorial Day weekend

After moving the date event several times, South Alabama Speedway officials are confident the fourth time will be the charm for the Rattler 250.

The Rattler Weekend will tentatively take place on Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-24 at South Alabama Speedway, located on Alabama State Route 52 between Opp and Kinston.

The event was originally slated for March, but due to the COVID-19 outbreak, it was postponed. Two other reschedule attempts were thwarted when Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey issues a "shelter-in-place" order for the state in early April. The order ends April 30.

"We are very excited to have another opportunity to

run The Rattler," said John Dykes, owner of South Alabama Speedway. "The race kicks off the Southern Super Series every year, and brings in drivers and fans from all over the country. We are planning on a big event, on Memorial Day weekend."

On Friday, Alabama Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth and the Alabama Small Business Commission Emergency Task Force released recommendations on steps to re-open Alabama's economy May 1. The plan involves opening entertainment venues of all types, including race tracks.

The recommendations must be approved by Ivey's advisers and signed by the governor before it becomes

official. However, it is expected to pass with little issue.

The Rattler will maintain the original Friday-Sunday schedule, with Late Model practice and local division action kicking off the weekend on Friday. Saturday is headlined by the Grasshopper Pro Late Model 125, presented by JR's Lawnmower Shop, along with Modifieds, RoadRunners and Mini-Cups.

Sunday's Hardee's Rattler 250 will go green at 2 p.m. Tickets and limited camping sports are available.

Hardees will be on site

serving Breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Local division practice will be held May 3, 10 and 17 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Before the initial postponement, the speedway was finishing some improvement projects.

"We were ready to go racing in March," said Dykes. "It was out of our hands, but we are still ready now. It will be great to see everyone at the track and kind of getting back to normal."

For more information, visit www.SouthAlabamaSpeedway.com or the track Facebook page.

All graduating seniors deserve a big hug

By Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director, National Federation of State High School Associations; Steve Savarese, Executive Director, Alabama High School Athletic Association

Have you ever wondered what life would be like without sports?

Now we know. And it isn't fun. No NCAA basketball tournament. No traditional Major League Baseball Opening Days. No professional basketball, college softball or baseball world series. No Little League or youth soccer. The Summer Olympics have been delayed for at least a year. And the list of community cancellations and postponements is nearly endless.

If you're a high school sports fan, the disappointment runs even deeper, and it strikes much closer to home. The interruption of the normal school year has played havoc with the spring sports season here in Alabama. For hundreds of high school sports teams, months of preparation, intense training and expectations appear to have been done for naught. And within our state, the dream of scoring a decisive victory over an archrival or competing for a state championship has been surrendered.

It's "wait 'til next year" for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. But for most of the high school seniors who participate in a spring sport, this is more than a season cut short. For many, it is the end of an active sports career. The NCAA estimates that, depending on the sport, only about three percent of all high school athletes go on to play a sport in college.

The senior first baseman who picked up his first bat when he was five years old will never have the opportunity to swing at an 82 mile-an-hour fastball again. The champion runner who has diligently trained to shatter the high school state record may never compete in the 800 again. The young woman who was elected captain of her tennis team will never know how deep into the tournament her squad could have gone.

But here's what will

happen, and it's significant. That same first baseman has learned that baseball is about far more than trying to hit a ball with a stick. It's about a group of young men from vastly different backgrounds coming together as a team. The sprinter has discovered if a person has enough determination, barriers once thought impossible can be broken. And the captain of the tennis team will take the leadership skills she's learned as a student-athlete and apply them to everything she does for the rest of her life.

For many, their seasons and athletic careers may be over, but the character those senior athletes have developed because they participated in education-based high school sports lives on. It will encourage, guide and positively influence communities here in Alabama for the next generation and beyond.

High school seniors, thank you for the contribution you have made to your team, your school and your community. And thank you for the shared sacrifice you are making right now. Humbly, we congratulate you on an outstanding high school career and a job well done.

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." To those AHSAA student-athletes who graduate this spring, you may have your spring sport seasons cut short, but you have gained both intelligence and character because you participated in high school athletics. To the class of 2020, we wish you continued growth and much success.

Although we are all practicing social distancing and communicating virtually, please accept this big virtual hug to the graduating class from all of us at the NFHS and AHSAA.

God bless each of you!



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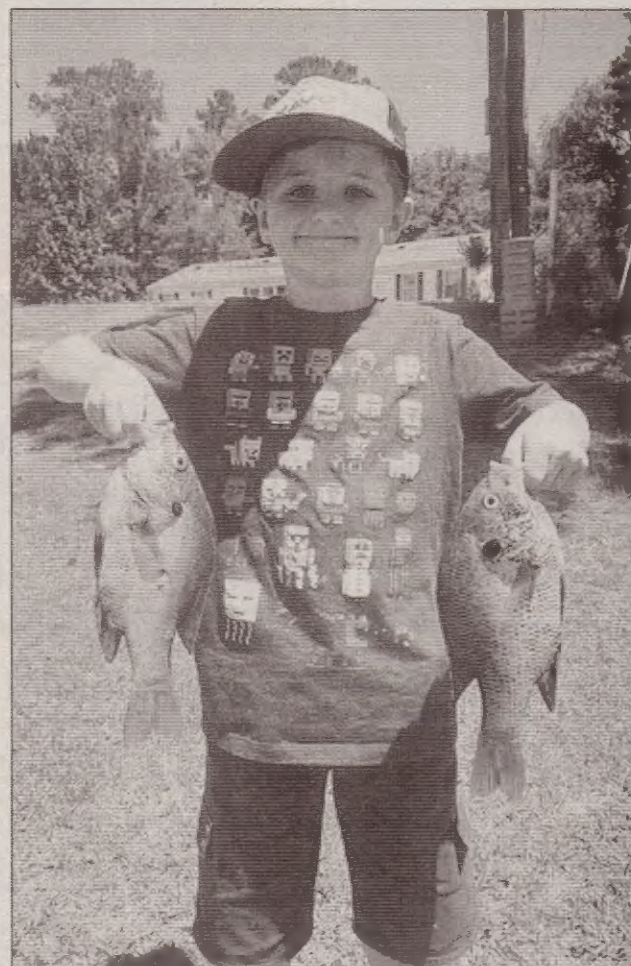
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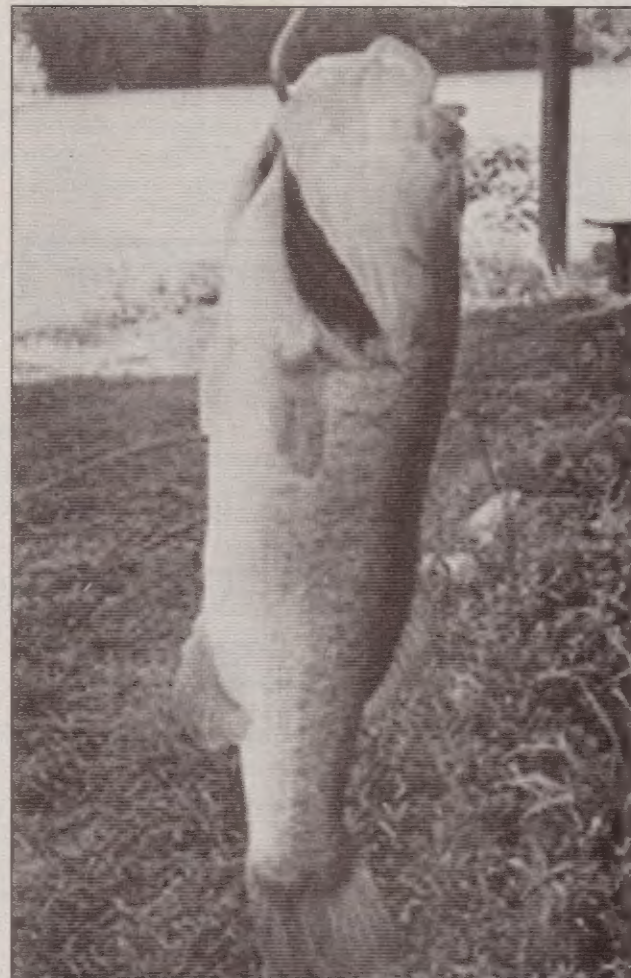
Coffee County Lake "FISHING SPOTLIGHT"



Freddie and Kyle Purvis filled up the tailgate of their truck with a mess of shellcracker on Wednesday after fishing at the Coffee County Lake. The 38 fish tipped the scales at 23 pounds.



Clayton Purvis holds two shellcracker he helped catch Saturday while fishing at the Coffee County Lake with his granddad and father.



Cassius Tillis landed this 8 1/4 pound bass last Thursday morning while fishing at the Coffee County Lake.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Elementary School employees work to 'sruce up' the exterior of school building

Several Elba Elementary School employees, including the school principal, teachers and coaches, were found Monday morning, May 4, hard at work cleaning up the exterior of the building and around the elementary campus.

Similar scenes have been ongoing at the high school as well over the past few weeks.

Superintendent Chris Moseley said the employees of the Elba City School System take great pride in their school, and their willingness to help make the buildings and landscape look great only further proves that. He said he has been very pleased with all the efforts of his staff during the COVID-19 times all are facing.

"I want to give a special shout out to the great group that joined me Monday as we edged sidewalks, trimmed hedges, cut trees back, and more," Elba Elementary School principal Debra Strickland said. "Elba Elementary is looking much better. Thanks to everyone for all they do!"

Strickland said projects such as this in addition to all the behind the scenes tireless work teachers have done through this online school journey everyone is experiencing currently.

"While teaching has continued, so have the projects to keep our schools here at Elba looking great," Strickland said.

She said several teachers and staff were on hand Monday to help with the work, and she expects others to help with more work next week as additional projects are on the 'to do' list for the elementary school.

Two from Elba receiving degree from Ole Miss

The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., will celebrate more than 5,400 candidates for graduation in the Class of 2020 during a live, virtual celebratory event set for Saturday, May 9, 2020.

The following local students are candidates for graduation:

John Colquett (J Cole) Spicer, of Elba, Ala., is a candidate for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Spicer is a risk management and insurance major in the School of Business Administration.

Gino Sorriso, of Elba, Ala., is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Sorriso is a political science major in the College of Liberal Arts.

"While we aren't able to gather in the Grove and at other beautiful venues on our campus right now for traditional pomp and circumstance, we could not let our originally scheduled Commencement day pass without recognizing the incredible achievements, character and spirit of this class of graduates," said Chancellor Glenn F. Boyce.

UM leaders continue to evaluate plans to hold an in-person commencement ceremony at a later date.

"The university remains committed to doing all it can to honor our graduates in person when it is safe for us to come together as a university community," Boyce said.

The virtual event will begin at noon CDT and can be viewed at olemiss.edu.

As part of the virtual celebration, students - including December 2019 graduates, and May and August 2020 candidates for graduation - received an official cap and tassel from the university, along with other celebratory items.



Elba Elementary teacher Mona Wise was caught trimming bushes around the school building.

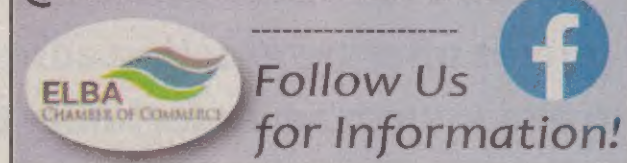


Elba Elementary teacher Kelly Wood Wilson and principal Debra Strickland were on rake and shovel duties as the staff members cleaned up around the exterior of the school Monday morning.

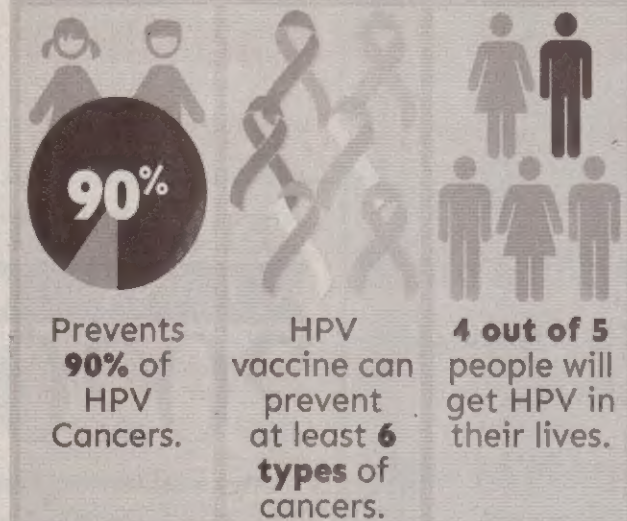


Coaches Glen Johnson and Austin Johnson were getting quite the workout as they handled weed-eating and edging duties for the elementary school yard.

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THANK YOU TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS... On Friday, May 1, the Elba United Methodist Church's Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class furnished pizza for the healthcare professionals on all three shifts at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba. The members of the class wanted to express their appreciation to these professionals for a 'job well done' especially during these difficult times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Above, Lee Phillips, a member of the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class, is shown delivering the bountiful supply of pizza to the Elba facility.

For Summer Semester at Enterprise State Community College

ESCC Foundation increases financial assistance efforts

A new incentive program funded by the Enterprise State Community College Foundation is increasing financial assistance options for students who want to attend summer classes at ESCC.

Through the new ESCC Foundation Summer Incentive Program, a student can pay for one three-hour credit course during the summer semester and take a second course for free.

"I want to thank the ESCC Foundation directors for their unwavering support of the college and our community," ESCC president Matt Rodgers said. "This funding will help students attend college and not put their education on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity provided by our Foundation."

ESCC Foundation President Chad Meeks said the Foundation was proud to provide assistance to students who wanted to take summer classes.

Summer transient students, 2020 high school graduates, dual enrollment students and current or prospective ESCC students can apply for the ESCC Foundation Summer Incentive Program. Students must meet program requirements and complete the application to be considered for the program. A full list of requirements and program information can be found at esc.edu/scholarships.

Since the incentive program opened, the ESCC

Foundation has received two anonymous donations from community members to provide more students the opportunity to take advantage of the ESCC Foundation Summer Incentive Program.

In addition to the new summer incentive program, ESCC reopened its scholarship application on April 1 for the Fall 2020 semester and increased its total scholarship amount by \$100,000. Scholarships are awarded for academic performance, technical promise, career interests and participation in the fine arts, athletics and leadership activities. A full list of available scholarships, including a new Computer Information Science scholarship, can be found at esc.edu/scholarships.

For students who previously applied for a scholarship by the March 1 deadline but did not receive one, his or her name will be kept in the applicant pool for consideration. For first-time applicants, the deadline to apply for scholarships is Monday, June 1.

Students interested in tak-

ing summer or fall classes at ESCC also have the option to apply for federal financial aid.

ESCC's Financial Aid Department offers assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completing this application can connect students with thousands of federal funds in the form of Pell Grants, student loans and other forms of financial assistance.

To receive federal financial aid for summer classes, students must complete the 2019-20 FAFSA. For fall semester, students must complete the 2020-21 FAFSA. ESCC's school code is 001015. Visit <https://www.esc.edu/admissions/financial-aid-admissions/> or email financialaid@esc.edu for questions on completing the FAFSA.

"With the uncertainty surrounding us today, you may be rethinking your education options," Rodgers said. "Our financial aid resources are a great way for anyone to go to college or continue their education. We hope you join us this summer or plan ahead for the fall."

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LIFESTYLES

Elba High band director recipient of 'drive by' - parade that is!

In case he was wondering...Elba High School director of bands Shaun Hammonds is loved by his students, their parents and the community as a whole! A large group comprised of these folks let him know just that Tuesday evening, April 28, when they participated in a "Drive By Parade" honoring Hammonds (aka Ham-Dog, HamBone, etc.).

A totally unexpected Hammonds was full of smiles as the parade, which left from a parking lot on the Elba City Schools campus, made its way to his house. The parade was led by Elba Police officers and was accompanied by the "Eye of the Tiger" playing loudly, along with horn blows and screams of "We Love You, Hammonds!"

"I will say this will be one of the highlights of my career," Hammonds wrote in a Facebook post after the parade. "I am without words. I had no idea. This is a very special band program, school, and community."

Unforgettable was his final word on his parade!



Elba High School's director of bands Shaun Hammonds was the surprise recipient of a "Drive By Parade" Tuesday evening, April 28th. Many of Hammonds' band students and their parents joined in the parade just to let him know how much he is appreciated and missed while everyone is social distancing due to COVID-19.



As these photos show, Mr. Hammonds is truly loved and missed by his students at Elba High School!



"Thanks to all my band staff, parents, and students," Elba Band director Shaun Hammonds said. "Thanks to our law enforcement and media for being a part as well. Never had my own parade or even been to a parade where I didn't have a job to do. Enjoyed just sitting back and taking it in. I love you all!"



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